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## **TIMETABLES**

[Loganair - interisland timetable 20 Feb 2023 to 28 Oct 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 26 Sep 2022 to 6 May 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - summer timetable 7 May 2023 to 24 Sep 2023](#)

[Orkney Ferries - North Isles excursions 2023](#)

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Songs & stories for Eastertide
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Sun 2 Apr
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## **AN UNUSUAL WRITE-UP ABOUT ORKNEY**

See how many errors you can spot in the write-up about Orkney which appears on the website <https://lovetovisitscotland.com/exploring-the-wonders-of-the-orkney-islands>.

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Up coming events - Dates for your diary.

Saturday 6th May - Treasure Hunt.

Saturday 13th May - Craft Fair.

Saturday 17th June - North Isles Sports followed by Dance to Stronsay Band.

August 19th/20th - Massive Weekend

Saturday 23rd September - Bingo night

Saturday 7th October - Deal or No Deal Quiz Show.

Saturday 4th November - Bonfire Night.

Saturday 25th November - Christmas Craft Fair.

Saturday 2nd December - Christmas Tree Lighting

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## **GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER**

The latest available roster for the Doctor and the Community Nurse can be found on the Stronsay Limpet's website at <https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>

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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Sun 30 Apr 2023**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk), the deadline is 7pm on that date. The postal address of the *Limpet* is "Stronsay Limpet, Claremont, KW17 2AR".

## DON PEACE 1946-2023

Donald Shepherd Peace was born at Brigend in Rothiesholm, Stronsay on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1946. Being born in Rothiesholm meant that he was a “Pirate”, which he was rather proud of – he and his sisters Emma and Elaine (Naine) often talked about their idyllic childhood there. His parents were Margaret Chalmers (Meg) and Donald Peace (Danny) who were both from Stronsay, and consequently Don had a very large extended family on the island with over twenty first cousins!

The Peace family moved to Samsonslane in May 1958, but in 1960 his father was very badly burnt when a defective pump sprayed petrol over him - Don left school at 14 to help out full time on the farm. He had hoped to get a job at sea and now had to change plans, but he did have a small boat for much of his life and thoroughly enjoyed going out to the creels, including several years running the boat “Odette” with his brother-in-law David Harcus.

Like many islanders, Don undertook a number of roles. He was the Rothiesholm postie, was in the Coastguard and the Fire Brigade, ran the pre-RoRo agricultural contracting and haulage business, was the island’s man on the ground for the Hydro, drove the school bus (often in his slippers) and ran the local taxi and hire car business for decades with his wife Eunice and latterly partner Julie. He claimed to have been a Sunday School teacher as well, but the jury is out on that one, particularly given that he had dressed up in drag as “Miss Take” at a do in the church hall. He had a tremendous sense of humour, a real practical joker and a consummate wind-up merchant - with a nickname for practically everyone.

He kept the farm of Samsonslane running throughout, and was particularly obsessed with tatties, supplying much of the island with his output. He would argue the pros and cons of different strains, and fret about the perils of blight to the extent that he would dream about tatties in his sleep. He was also very partial to partans and lobsters, and one of his biggest frustrations with getting arthritis was that he could no longer go out to the spoots. Many of the very frequent visitors calling by Samsons would often leave (after multiple coffees and/or drams) with some sort of produce – he was very much a people person and very hospitable.

In his youth he enjoyed games of badminton, darts and pool and played football for Stronsay for many years, getting immense satisfaction on any occasions when they beat Sanday or Westray. He was very much a “Stronsay man” and genuinely could not understand why anyone would want to live anywhere else.

Don was a very versatile and naturally talented musician (he couldn’t read music), and played in island bands for over sixty years, starting at the age of 14. Although he was best known for his keyboard playing, he also played guitar, double bass and drums. The various incarnations of the Stronsay band were in great demand across Orkney, and he often commented on how many great musicians there were in Orkney generally and Stronsay specifically. He loved the idea of the Silver Darlings and whole-heartedly supported that, with Courtney and Juliete both involved. Latterly he was cajoled into playing with the Stronsay Band in the recording of the Limpets and Laughter CD.

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Don died in the Balfour Hospital in the early hours of the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, with his daughters Verona and Sonya by his side. When news of Don's passing broke, an astonishing number of people posted comments and thoughts on social media, reflecting just what a well-known person he was in Stronsay and across Orkney. "He was some man" was a typical comment. He certainly was. Stronsay has lost one of its great characters; he will be sorely missed but very fondly remembered.

*Donald Omand*

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## **JOHN HOLLOWAY 1944-2023**

Altho we live a ways off from Stronsay, we have cherished learning about birds from John . My husband and I met him and his lovely wife once in their home. This is sent in thankful appreciation of his skill as an artist, a teacher, a watcher of our beautiful creation. (Some of the birds and details mentioned come from his last bird report.)

What a lovely man on a wild and splendid island.

Gratefully,  
Dana Littlepage

### **In thankful memory of John, the Birdman**

Snow bunting settling like a flake  
in the tundra of morning, can you feel  
the set of eyes, flown from Star Island?  
The one who helped us to wonder  
at your wonder? Golden eagle eyed,  
now sun-eclipsed,  
or slyly hiding in the long white  
where the sparrow hawk rides.  
Maybe he's sped along with the chaffinches  
over-wintering in the tattie field...  
The body flies, yet the spirit  
refuses to hide, entirely.  
See those seven or eight Chiff Chaffs?  
He may have slipped between them  
and you. He's in the simplest delight,  
that's here,  
now, for this ...  
and every other season.

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## **NANA PEACE 1920-2023**

Nana Peace wrote several articles for the Stronsay Limpet. Here is one of her articles which first appeared in the [February 2014 edition of the Limpet](#).

### **THE SHOP AT ELLERSLIE**

By Nana Peace

After writing about the shop at Holin it is now my time to tell about the one at Ellerslie. First I remember it was a very small shop owned by a woman called Barbara Wallace. After she retired Magnes and Madge Dennison with their son John moved from Kirbuster Farm, bought Ellerslie and turned the kitchen and bedroom into one big shop, also building a new kitchen and two bedrooms (later), on the back of the house. As Madge was from Kirkwall and had been a dress-maker with Peter Shearer (tailor) she made a success of the shop and was a very pleasant and kind person.

Magnes was a great gardener and built a shed where he repaired and also sold bicycles. As school-children we could always depend on him to repair punctures or tighten chains on our bikes!

He had been in World War One and had served in Mesopotamia, so had lots to tell about that. He joined the Territorial Army in Stronsay so was in Flotta with them for a time at the beginning of the war but later came back to the shop again. All through the war years the shop was very busy and Saturday night was just packed when folks went for their messages and they stayed open till quite late.

That shop sold everything from groceries, drapery, haberdashery, etc, and if you wanted a new coat Madge would send to Kirkwall (perhaps James. M. Croy) and they would send out a selection so you could choose (£1 to £3). Just imagine, hard to believe, but it is true.

After Magnes and Madge retired Ellerslie went back to a house and now a relation of Magnes is there with his wife and family.

Magnes never believed that men landed on the moon. ('Not true' he said to his grandsons)

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## STRONSAY TERRITORIAL ARMY 1939



*Back row- Willie Chalmers, Tom Moodie, Jimmie Shearer, Magnes Dennison, David Shearer, Jackie Groat, Peter Stevenson, Ralph Maxwell*  
*Front Row- Jim Peace, Peter Dennison, Sinclair Shearer, Dannie Peace, Steve Cooper, David Shearer*

## AT ELLERSLIE SHOP



*Bella Spence, Magnes Dennison, Betty Fotheringhame, Pat Shearer, Raymond Dennison*



Friday 31st March 2023

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Hello again everyone.

What are we to make of life's ups and downs?.

Stronsay folk know them as well as most. Two days ago it was miserable, one day ago was the most beautiful warm sunny day; today just seems dreich! Many of us have had a continuity of bugs and lurgie holding us down for weeks, whilst for others I hear how little things going wrong, can get us down at times- a tiny break in a vital piece of equipment means much needed work cannot happen.

Wider, the Orcadian reports of challenges facing local care services, roads, ferries etc. but amidst them some stories of individuals doing inspiring things. And still there are the major challenges facing our world! We have to deal with the good and the bad equally, but we can find inspiration if we look. Over the past couple of weeks, we have had the sadness of funerals on the island, and yet amidst them there has been much joy in remembering and sharing all that people have given us to inspire us. Stronsay seems to produce or attract people of much talent and character, maybe partly because of the way life is here?

I was thinking this week of Nana Peace especially her strength and spirit to reach age 102. Nana's surname is a reminder that Peace can be found in people despite life's troubles. Its maybe partly about her interest in and care for people but also maybe her longevity built on the hard times she might have known in early years, without all the mod cons we expect to work 24 hours a day and moan when they don't. So maybe life's ups and downs can strengthen us for whatever lies ahead, if we allow the good folk we know around us to inspire us?

We are doing a thought for the day on the church Facebook in Holy week about journeying and exploring the direction we want to travel, and at one point ask who do we trust enough to follow? Its been a week political leaders' strengths and weaknesses have been highlighted, and they do not always inspire the way others do. But the Scotland football team stood up strongly to inspire us once again – no doubt to let us down at some point in the future, part of us might say from experience! And yet there is hope. One of the reasons I am a follower of Jesus as my guide and inspiration, is that he offers hope not from just the successes but the trials of life. He led a life that was not easy; he faced the worst of trials and difficulties and yet shone through them with caring loving help and guidance for others yet having the courage to challenge the evils of the day as well- which ultimately caused his execution. Through all that, His trustworthiness stands out .

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Its just about Easter time, with Palm Sunday this weekend acting as the start of the Holy Week leading up to the sadness of 'Good' Friday when Jesus is crucified asking God to forgive people, and then the joy of Easter Sunday when Jesus is seen alive. I am often reminded of this by Salvador Dali's picture of Christ of St John of the Cross, which hangs in Glasgow Art Galleries, which spoke to me even as a boy, of how through Jesus' death, somehow God was reaching down to help ordinary fishermen.

But my faith journey really started, when I got myself into deep trouble and found I could share my problems with Jesus in prayer and gain real help, guidance and strength to work with others to make things better; and I have found that continues through my life, as it can for anyone.

Some people say Easter is just a legend or a conjuring or con trick; but not for me. I am a natural sceptic and questioner, and have examined and studied the historical facts that are known and looked at eye-witness testimonies including their doubts from every angle, and studied as much as I can. When combined with modern day experiences, I believe with all my heart and life, Jesus was not just a good man who can inspire us by his selfless example, but that He offers the spiritual presence of God today for people like me and you through life's ups and downs- if we let him in.

He does not promise a life free of pain, death or disaster, but rather a Spirit working in and through people to help and inspire us as we share together for the good of those in need. Somehow his spirit lives on to help anyone seeking his love, friendship, hope forgiveness and encouragement.

I know its true because he has been the bedrock in my life that enables me to do far more than I ever believed possible, through as many ups and downs, evils and goodness as any of us face. Anyone who knows me, knows I am far far from perfect and get it wrong often, but I am more than I would ever have been without the help of Jesus, and I know at times the Peace only he can offer amidst it all. I believe he wants to offer that to anyone, not least at Eastertime. Amidst all life throws at us, there is hope- Jesus died but his Spirit lives on to inspire around our struggling world.

Join us please at any of our Eastertime events and I pray you have a blessed Easter.



*David* Rev David I W Locke. MA M.Sc., BD



The weather is improving and with that comes activity again!

The project covers all of the North Isles, connecting communities with researchers in activities related to wellbeing. PhD geography wellbeing researcher Andy Harrod, is visiting again at the end of April and will be stopping off at 4 of the islands. He will be on Stronsay on 27<sup>th</sup> April if anyone would like to meet and chat about activities that you take part in that allow you to connect with our landscape please get in touch with me [sdtprojectofficer@gmiail.com](mailto:sdtprojectofficer@gmiail.com) or pop me a message.

Please continue to share this information to contribute to the project. Andy will also be visiting Westray, Papa Westray and North Ronaldsay during his visit.

We also welcome Donna Blyth in her new role as island wellbeing co-ordinator with Stronsay Development Trust. I hope her role will be able to continue some of the activities established once the project ends.

### **Art Workshop**

After the popularity of our print workshops from Orkney Art Club and demand from the community for more, India is returning on 27<sup>th</sup> April to deliver a full day nature art workshop. This was originally planned as a British Science Week event, but rescheduled with support from the British Science Association with this year's "connections" theme.

The workshop is intended to build on the skills learned from the previous workshops. There will be an opportunity for participants to exhibit their pieces and to work on a collaborative project that will create the cover for the publication of the Stronsay Wildlife Recording Project that David Askew is leading. This is a great way to work collaboratively across projects with the Natural Wellbeing Project, North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme, Orkney Art Club and the British Science Association.

Those who have previously attended the workshops will be given the opportunity to express interest in attending, before opening out any available spaces. Don't worry, we have plans for more to be held if you can't make this one and hope that it will encourage a self-led community art group.

### **Up the Garden Path**

Regeneration of the small greenhouse space began last summer and pupils at Stronsay school used the space as part of the national *Dandelion* project. Roger has been maintaining the space over winter and we are creating a sensory garden for everyone to enjoy. Even if you're not green fingered, you will be able to enjoy the space to sit, touch, feel, smell, even bring along your art skills and use it as a place of inspiration. All going well, it is hoped to be completed and ready to use by the end of April.

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## **BSW Kits**

As part of British Science Week “connections” theme, packs were distributed to families to encourage connections with each other and nature with bug hunting, rock painting, grow your own kits and art and crafts. These have been hugely popular and is great to see everyone enjoying them. If you have any feedback feel free to ping me a message or email [sdt@projectofficer@gmail.com](mailto:sdt@projectofficer@gmail.com)

We also have some Citizen Science guides available that have been designed by Natalie Rose at Little Hoose Creative. They have all the links and details of programmes that Dr Jenni Kakkonen talked about at our CitSci Fest event in September. They will be going into shops and available from the Development Trust office.

## **Stronsay Wildlife Recording Project**

David has been taking the lead with this project with otter walks kicking off the events. I am linking some art activities to work with the project to include original community art to the publication. Details of summer activities will be listed but will include bees, dragonflies, wildflowers and some underwater adventures. Keep sending your photographs to the Facebook group to collate for the publication.

Thanks for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for the project. I’m looking forward to our summer programme before my role comes to an end.

Louise

# british science week

connecting  
with nature  
printmaking  
workshop



thursday 27<sup>th</sup> april  
10am- 4pm  
moncur memorial church

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 BRITISH  
SCIENCE  
WEEK

*(see next page for itinerary)*

# **‘CONNECTING WITH NATURE’ ART WORKSHOP**

## **ITINERARY**

**10:00-10:30**

Meet at Kirk Hall. Welcome tea and coffee.  
Outline of the days activities and outcomes of the workshop with examples of what will be produced

**10:30-11:30**

Walk to Mill Bay (weather permitting)  
Learn drawing techniques with different materials, using the environment and landscape.  
Collect materials to work with – shells, seaweed, grasses, photographs and drawings.

**11:30-12:00**

Return to Kirk Hall.  
Group review of what has been collected and drawn.

**12:00-1:00**

Introduction to printmaking – drypoint, monoprint and etching.  
Demonstration to remind the group of the methods and how to combine methods.

**1:00-2:00**

Break for lunch.

**2:00-3:00**

Work on final pieces from drawings and materials gathered.

**3:00-3:45**

Work on a collaborative piece. This will compliment participants own work that they wish to submit as part of the Wildlife Recording Project publication.

**3:45-4:00**

Group summary and group feedback.



## **Stronsay Community Wellbeing Welcomes New Coordinator!**

After a successful recruitment process, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Donna Blyth to the position of Community Wellbeing Coordinator. We look forward to seeing how the project develops and how we can all assist and support Donna in this role.

The Island Wellbeing Project is a partnership between Voluntary Action Orkney and the Development Trusts of Hoy, Stronsay, Sanday, Shapinsay, and Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre.

Coordinators work with residents as part of our one to one service to help and support them with a range of issues. In the past we've helped people who have struggled with household bills, experienced loneliness, been unable to access services, had problems with housing, or who have been unable to get online.

We will work alongside you to help make sense of your situation, connect you with relevant services, and identify people and groups in the community who might be able to help. There is no eligibility criteria and you don't need a referral.

Coordinators also develop new projects and groups for the island such as community pantries, health walks, chair based dance sessions and a daily living aids library.

If you feel you, a friend or a family member could benefit from anything the wellbeing project could offer, you would like to volunteer in any capacity or you would like to know more please get in touch with Donna or the Trust office.

*Just a quick "Hello" from me, to say that I am thrilled to be part of the Island Wellbeing Project. I am excited to get my teeth into lots of local projects to enhance our physical, emotional, spiritual and financial wellbeing, as well as supporting individuals and families. Keep your eye on The Limpet and the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sdtwellbeing> for information and events. You can contact me at [donna.sdtwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:donna.sdtwellbeing@gmail.com) or by telephone. My hours are flexible so if I don't respond immediately, don't give up!*  
Donna



## Records of a Bygone Age The Church in Stronsay - Part 2

With the difficulty in travelling when roads were very poor or non-existent, a number of other small chapels also existed on Stronsay at various times, usually erected near to larger farms where there would have been more folk to come along to worship or built near the sea where easy access could be made by boat. There is now little to be seen of any of those buildings other than to be remembered in a field name or local folklore.



*Looking north over St Peter's cemetery, the site of the old St Peter's parish church.*

In St Peter's parish, in addition to the two chapels on Papa Stronsay and the parish church west of the village there was also said to be a chapel on Linga Holm, one at Corcabreck (or Kirkabreck) at the back of Whitehall Village, another at Margaret's Kirk at Clestriain, both now field names, and of course the Chapel of Kildinguie near the famous Well of Kildinguie whose waters, when taken together with dulse from Geo Odin, could reputedly cure all ails but the black Death!

We move on now to the parish of Lady, which covered most of the middle of the island, and it too had its own Parish Church thought to be in the vicinity of the cemetery which lies between Aith and Rothiesholm.



*An aerial view of the Lady cemetery. Although Lady Kirk could possibly have been within the bounds of the cemetery wall, there is no evidence to show where it stood.  
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There was also a chapel site at Quoy Olie near the Bu in Rothiesholm, thought to be where the church of St Olaf stood. In that same area were houses called St Salvator and St Catherine's and, while there is no record of chapels by that name, this could well have been Church land of which there appeared to be an abundance at that time. With a number of pre-reformation side altars in St Magnus Cathedral dedicated to various saints, including St Catherine and St Salvator, there is a possibility that, if these were in fact church lands, then the rents collected from them could have gone to help fund these altars in the Cathedral.



*St Nicholas' cemetery at Holland in the south end of the island*

Although there is no indication of where St Nicholas' Church stood, it too is thought to have been in the near vicinity of a cemetery, this time that of St Nicholas at Holland. There are also a number of other chapels recorded in the parish of St Nicholas: one at Mell's Kirk near the seal hide at Holland, one at Housebay, one where the farm house of Cleat now stands and another near Kirbuster. Auskerry also lays claim to an ancient chapel near its eastern shore, with the remains of some of the walls still to be seen.

The remains of three Hermitage stack sites are still visible along Stronsay's rugged east coast: one at Malme, one at Tam's Castle and one at the Brough of Burgh Head, surely the ultimate destinations for individual solitude and contemplation!



*An aerial view of the hermitage site on top of the 'Tam's Castle' sea stack on Stronsay's south-east coast.*

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It's plain to see from this that Stronsay's religious needs were well catered for over a period of many hundreds of years but it is only as we moved toward the second half of the 16<sup>th</sup> century that records began to be more complete. This was the time of the Reformation, which caused so much strife and violence across Europe, yet seemed to come to Stronsay with something of a whimper rather than with a bang. It is recorded that James Maxwell, who had been serving the island as their Catholic Priest for 20 years, adopted the new form of Protestant worship and served as the island's minister for a further 30 years!

While the Reformation appeared to cause little strife in Orkney it also appeared to have little effect on the struggle between Church and State as to who should have ultimate control over the island properties and the power, prestige and pounds associated with that.

This was a battle that the Church was eventually set to win as, from around the 16<sup>th</sup> century onwards, the principle was accepted that the Church in Scotland had a given right to share in the fruits of the land. This developed into a practice where one-tenth of the produce of the fields, known as 'tithes' or 'teinds' was taken to support the Church within the parish, while the remainder had to provide housing, food, clothing and all the other necessities for the rural population to survive and, in addition, to cover the cost of rents to the landlord. This legally enforceable payment of the share of the produce was originally often paid in grain or meal but, if it had been a poor farming year or the tenants were facing hard times then there would be no surplus to fund the teinds, with the inevitable result that their collection could be fraught with difficulty.

One such time was recorded in 1670 when an action was raised in the Sherriff Court by William Douglas of Egilsay against Edward Colville of Housbie, John Linklett in Clett, Oliver Rowsay in Quoyis and Magnus Keldallie in Housbie among others, where Mr Douglas complained that those debtors and many others from the estate "*to the number of three score and above*" had come to stop him from collecting his parsonage teinds of Housbie "*armed with great birkin kaiberis, fork shafts, flails and other great tries, and the women with boagies full of coackll shells and stones for the scareing of the horses, with the which tries the whole men threatened to strick and abuse the same complainer and his servands and in effect accomplished the samyne, to the effusion of the said complainer's servand blood in great quantities, by and attour many bauch and blea stroaks which they received upon thaire bodies. Lykas the foirnamed persones woemane did also accomplish thaire design in scareing the horse who came to transport and awat cairie the saids personage teynds, and in beating and stricking the said complainer his servands with many great stones which they threw at them, and in teareing of thaire clothes to thaure great hurt and prejudice*"



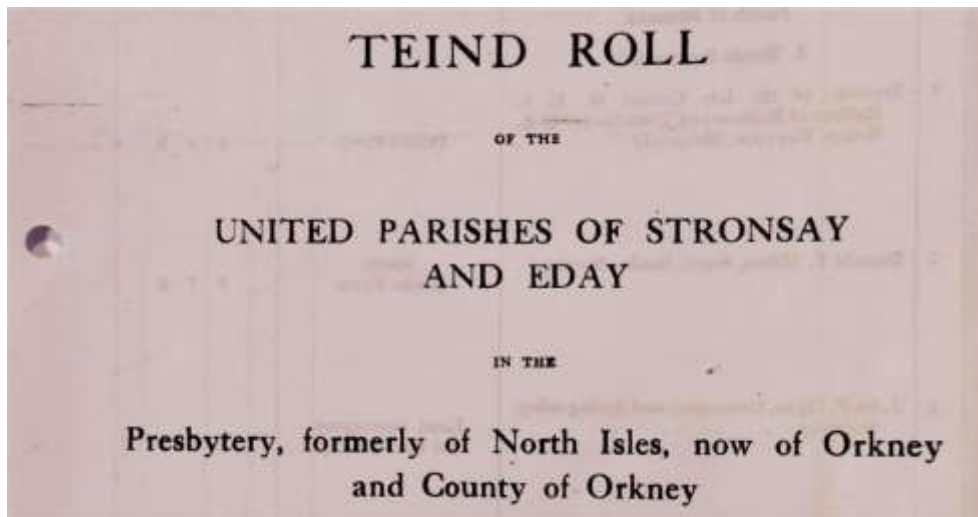
*Looking across what was once all part of the Housebay estate, where tenants and cottars took strong exception to paying their teinds.*

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Although the language is archaic and the meaning of some of the words lost, the gist of their meeting is easily enough understood. There is no record of the outcome of this case but non-payment of teinds, whether through inability to pay or through long-held principle, was to continue causing problems for as long as the system was in place.

As time passed this gathering of teinds in kind was converted into a standard monetary value, to be paid instead of with produce. By the 1920s the funding of ministers' stipends directly by teinds came to an end, with the central church in Edinburgh collecting funds from each congregation's free will offerings and then paying the minister directly, although the teinds were still shown on any title deeds as a burden on the estate and liability to pay it was transferred along with the property whenever it was sold.



*A Teind Roll was kept for each parish detailing how much each farm was legally obliged to pay toward the Minister's stipend. That is all now assigned to the past.*

By the 1970s, with the method of financing Ministry within parishes long changed and the value of teinds having never been increased for generations, they were hardly worth the expense of collection. With the total teinds for the whole of Stronsay worth less than £200, the Church was encouraging landowners to buy out or 'extinguish' the burden of their teinds charge for a set sum, usually between six and seven times their annual value, and this was taken up by most landowners at that time. Following an Act of Parliament in 2004, all teinds were finally extinguished and are no longer of any legal significance, with no mention of them now required in any Title Deeds to a property.

Returning now to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Protestants were slowly gaining more control over their own destiny but all was far from sweetness and light. Disputes arose about what form this new religion should take, with the Episcopalian vicars imposed on the congregations by the bishops not always finding favour and a growing Presbyterian movement looking to have more say in who should be appointed as preacher but, even within that movement, differences of opinion were emerging on how Scripture should be interpreted and worship conducted.

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The first minister in Stronsay under the new Presbyterian authority appears to have been Rev John Cobb, ordained as such to the Stronsay Church in 1696. As he had only recently transferred away from the authority of the Episcopacy, his appointment found little favour with Stronsay's Episcopalians, who were in the greater part well-to-do landowners. They apparently continued to bear a long-standing grudge against him, leading Rev Cobb to note that, when he sought to transfer to the parish of St Andrews and Deerness in 1700, some of his parishioners "*shaking off all fear of God, have wished the Devil go with me, and called me knave and wretch in their ordinary discourse.*" This was certainly less than a fond farewell from some of his congregation but hopefully not a view shared by all!

The Episcopalian traditions of the new Protestant church continues to be gradually overtaken by Presbyterianism, and in 1707 the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland set up as an overseeing body the Presbytery of the North Isles which, with the Presbytery of Kirkwall and the Presbytery of Cairston, meant there were now three Presbyteries in Orkney.

By 1719 the Presbytery had appointed Rev John Scollay, a Stronsay man who had been born at Hunton in 1686 and who had been Master of Kirkwall Grammar School for the previous 8 years, as Minister of Stronsay.

Local tradition and folklore has it that when Rev Scollay came back to Stronsay in 1719 the Town Clerk's daughter, Miss Helen Orem, accompanied him "*to make him more comfortable*", firstly as his housekeeper and later as his wife. It is always a shame to spoil a good story so I was quite disappointed to discover that, when they moved to Stronsay in 1719, she had apparently been making him comfortable for some time as by then they had been married for six years and had three children!

There is no reason to doubt the rest of the story though, where we are told that she disliked the location of the Manse, situated down in the valley, and picked out a new site for a house on the brow of the hill above Hunton near where Yearnasetter now stands. This new building never materialised, although the spot was known ever afterwards as 'Orem's Fancy' and the good wife known locally as 'Lady Orem'. Many years later a house was built on that same site and adopted the name of Orem's Fancy.



*Although 'Lady Orem' never got her house on her preferred site a House was built at that spot many years later.*

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It was perhaps no surprise that Mrs Scollay ('Lady Orem') was less than satisfied with the Manse as it appears that little money had been spent on maintenance of Church (of which in theory there would still have been one in each parish) and Manse over the previous number of years and it was reported that in 1724, by which time John Scollay would have been five years into his ministry, "*the whole three kirks are intirely demolished. The Glory of God and the good of the Souls of the Inhabitants is what is denied, and our Minister hath been exposed these four years to the greatest hazard in preaching under the open heaven.*"

While it was painfully obvious that Stronsay was in desperate need of a new church it was to be a further 20 years before this new kirk was to be built, too late for John Scollay who had died in 1741 but much appreciated by his son Robert who succeeded him as parish minister until he too died in 1761.

Part 3 will be in next month's Limpet

Ian Cooper

March 2023

# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*A monthly report from your councillor in the golden jubilee year of the MV Golden Mariana*

After nearly a year of living with monocular vision, an unfortunate sequela of surgery I underwent to re-attach a detached retina (see [Issue 111](#)), a further trip to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness has now rendered me binocular again. Once more I shall be able to keep both eyes on what's going on at Orkney Islands Council ! (Although, post-operation, I have been instructed to take it easy for the next few weeks.) In April, the bulk of the Raigmore ophthalmology services will be transferring to the new NHS National Treatment Centre – Highland, which is on the UHI Inverness College campus. This purpose-built facility will also specialise in orthopaedic care. Through collaboration between NHS Highland, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, and the University of the Highlands & Islands, a life sciences research and innovation centre is being developed on the site.

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In setting our budget and council tax levels at a special Policy & Resources Committee meeting, it was agreed to increase Council charges by a minimum of 10%. Unfortunately, my amendment also to specify a **maximum** increase garnered no support from other councillors, apart from my good friend and colleague Cllr John Ross Scott (who is generally well tuned-in to public sentiment). Past experience has demonstrated the need for a cap on how much charges can be raised, otherwise you end up with examples like the following, which have both happened in the past: 179% increase in the charge for collecting special household waste, 1000% (sic) increase in the charge for scaffolding permits! I hope that restraint will be shown in these straightened times, but without the **maximum** level I called for, this, regrettably, cannot be guaranteed.

In my role as Depute Convener of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board (O&SVJB), I have been engaged in the recruitment process for a new Assessor & Electoral Registration Officer. I am pleased to say we have appointed Rab Eunson (the middle one in the photograph below) to the position. I would like to take this opportunity to thank his predecessor, Darryl Rae for his sterling work for us and to wish him well for the future. Our Shetland colleagues joined us in Orkney for the most recent meeting of the Board, and we were able to return the hospitality we received from them in December (see [Issue 119](#)) by showing them around some facilities run by Orkney Islands Council: Tankerness House Museum, St Magnus' Cathedral, and the Pickaquooy Centre. You can find out all about the O&SVJB and what it does at our website: [www.orkney-shetland-vjb.co.uk](http://www.orkney-shetland-vjb.co.uk) .

In my role as OIC's representative on the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation, I attended the UHI Foundation Conference, although, because of my recent eye surgery, I joined by Webex rather than attend in person, so I missed out on the lunch and a valuable networking opportunity. In one of the talks we were told how the West of Orkney Windfarm consortium is contributing significant funding to the UHI's STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) outreach programme, curriculum development, scholarships, apprenticeship programme support, and even a professorial chair. One of the full-time STEM posts will be based in Orkney.

Lately, you may have experienced difficulty viewing my councillor website, [clackson.info](http://clackson.info). This is because I needed to activate its new SSL certificate, which is not a trivial procedure. I am much obliged to my son, Wulfric for doing it for me. My old councillor website, [ifsp.pbworks.com](http://ifsp.pbworks.com) is still active and is regularly updated, and all issues of my *Letter from School Place* can also be downloaded from there.

**Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson**  
Member for the North Isles Ward  
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB  
West Manse, Sanday  
[stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)

*Letter from School Place* is also available on-line at [clackson.info](http://clackson.info)



## FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

### DONATIONS AT DON PEACE'S FUNERAL

*From Verona Peace*

Blown away with the donations at dad's funeral! A Massive Thank You to everyone who donated, you raised an amazing £1,700!

We will share this between Macmillan Orkney/IP2 ward and The Stronsay Community Association. Thank you all very much indeed.

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### Prescription Collection and Delivery Service



Please contact the wellbeing coordinator on 01857 616410 or email [sdtwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:sdtwellbeing@gmail.com) if you would like a prescription collected and delivered.

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### PROPERTY FOR SALE

**Dunera, Lower Whitehall Road, Stronsay, KW17 2AS**

A detached bungalow (period 1920-60s) with garden and parking space. Comprising huge sitting room sea facing, kitchen/diner, 4 bedrooms, shower room & hall (167 sq. metres) plus 4 sq. metre porch.

Habitable but needs upgrading or project development.

Oil fired central heating with multi fuel stove in living room.

Water, phone connected.

SEPA for up to 6 residents.

Council Tax C.

Primary energy indicator 288 kWh.

£5736 over 3 years. Energy Efficiency Band E (44) – Scottish average is Band D - 60

Environmental Band F (37) – Scottish average band D - 59

**HRV is £130,000** (25 Aug 2022). Condition = 13 (1), 8 (2), 0 (3).

**Interest invited. Not currently with external agent.**

**Viewing by advanced appointment only. Flexible entry date.**

**Offers invited above £125k. Finance options from seller.**

**Leo Martini-Brown**

**[lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lmartinibrown@yahoo.co.uk)**

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### PRIVATE TUITION

I am offering private tuition in a range of subjects to all school-age pupils and adult learners on a 1:1 or small group basis. I am available to teach all primary subjects, including reading, writing, spelling and numeracy, and English for BGE and Senior Phase pupils. I am happy to liaise with class teachers at Stronsay Junior High School in order to support progress towards targets and estimated grades, if a client (and parents/carers) are willing for this to occur.

I am also available to teach adult literacy and Higher/ Advanced Higher English or to lead a community literary appreciation class now again if there is enough interest.

As a Support for Learning Teacher and former SENCo I have spent many years specialising in teaching pupils with a range of learning and behaviour difficulties. I am qualified to complete assessments and to write reports for examination access arrangements and for Pupil Support Plans/Child Plans.

If anyone would like to learn to play Clarinet, I am happy to take pupils of any age – beginners up to Grade 5, along with tuition in Music Theory as needed.

Please contact me on 616242 for an informal chat and details of prices and availability.

Donna Blyth BA Hons, MEd, PGCE, SQH, CPT3A, CELTA

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## BUILDING PLOTS FOR SALE

2 Building plots, Whitehall Village, Stronsay, Orkney  
£35K each. Planning in principle for 2/3 bed bungalow plus 2 parking spaces. Electricity and water supplies are on site.

The plots are behind the village street making a secluded location but within easy walking distance of the shop, ferry, cafe and hotel.

The tried and tested practice on the Orkney isles for building is to buy a house kit and either have it erected by the supplier or our island contractor Castlehill Construction (who can also do the ground works)

For information about Stronsay, our lifestyle, its good school and other facilities please visit [www.visitstronsay.com](http://www.visitstronsay.com)

For further information about the sites please contact

- Sharon at Orkney Property Centre, Kirkwall on 01856 877866 or
- Dianne & Paul on 07785111126 or
- email [drileymoore@hotmail.com](mailto:drileymoore@hotmail.com)

Planning ref: 18/038/PIP on Orkney Islands Council planning web site



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## **FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc**

### **CLIFTON FREE RANGE EGGS!**

EGGCITING NEWS!!

ENJOY SOME CRACKING GOOD EGGS

Our happy hens are delighted to let you know that they are now producing top quality free range eggs. The eggs are available from outside the annex at Clifton for only £1.50/box.

Help yourselves and just put the money in the box.

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### **WANTED**

Brenda Alexander wonders whether anyone reading the Limpet would have a register of Rothiesholm School, early 1900

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### **VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK**

The Pomona Prefect logo peedie red van is available for charity work on the island if anyone needs a man and a van and wants to help the island reach the target. Saturdays service and cost for this is suggested as £10 per hour min donation for half hour units. All to the Stronsay Defib fund. No live animals, persons transported or dirty, sloppy stuff carried. Limited load and not a taxi service. This is a temporary thing to raise money and not a challenge to any services on the island. Call Don and Julie for all taxi work and Jim Holland for freight!

Also, if anyone needs their car karcher jet washed and vaccuming and then can do at Ellerslie as you pass for a donation to same Defib Fund. Cost is £10 per basic body wash and wheels rinsed and boot/inside vacted. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

This charity service will be hopefully available until there are enough defib machines in position with the people trained to cover us all 24/7. Availability is limited to Saturdays.

Any questions and to book give me a call.

Nicandro J. Porcelli, Ellerslie. Telephone or text to - 07732 276046

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## GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS



**Songs and stories for  
Eastertime**

*An hour of play, stories, songs and crafts for under 8s  
and a chance to chat for grown-ups.*

 Please join us in the church hall on  
**Sunday 2nd April** at 2.30pm.

**ALL WELCOME**

Any questions contact 616284. Older siblings are  
welcome to come and help or join in.

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The Island Self-Management Group invite you to:-

# Find out more about the work of Bipolar Scotland in Orkney

What the group does.  
What local support is available for people  
living in the isles who may be affected by  
bipolar.

THURSDAY, 20 APRIL 2023

7:00-8:00PM

ONLINE EVENT

TO BOOK, CONTACT:

ANTHEA.HUME@VAORKNEY.ORG.UK

TEL: 01856 872897



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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **SHORT TERM LETS—LICENSING**

#### **From OIC Updates on Facebook**

The Scottish Government is raising further awareness around the new short-term lets licensing and what hosts need to do as part of the application process.

Like all local authorities throughout Scotland, the Council has been tasked with administering the new scheme on behalf of the Scottish Government and a number of hosts have successfully applied for their new licences through OIC – and a number of others are within the system.

Did you know that from 1 October 2022, new hosts of short-term lets are legally required to obtain a licence from their local council before accepting bookings and hosting guests?

Hosts of short-term lets that have operated prior to 1 October 2022 (existing hosts) have until 1 October 2023 to apply for a licence and can continue operating until their application has been determined.

The Council has a dedicated web page on short-term lets licensing to try and assist folk through the application process. Please take a look here <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/L/short-term-lets.htm> as it contains links to a wealth of information on the Scottish Government legislation, the application process, downloadable form and fees.

If you need support through the process then please contact the Short-term Lets Licensing Team via email [shortletslicensing@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:shortletslicensing@orkney.gov.uk) or by telephone to 01856873535 extensions 2232 or 2229 and leave a voicemail if officers are not available.

More information about the new licensing requirements can be found at <https://shorttermlets.campaign.gov.scot/>

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### **NORTH ISLES NATURAL WELLBEING PROJECT**

Hello All, I am Andy Harrod, the project researcher on the North Isles Natural Wellbeing Project. As part of the project, I will be visiting Orkney in late April and will be on Stronsay on Thursday 27 April. I would love to chat to groups involved in nature-based activities and the influence of these on people's wellbeing.

If you are a member of a group and are happy to chat to me please leave a comment or email me at [a.harrod1@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:a.harrod1@lancaster.ac.uk) and we can discuss it further. I look forward to hearing from you.



**North Isles Natural Wellbeing Project**



**We are looking for community groups to discuss their experiences of being active in nature and how it influences their wellbeing.**

**Example activities: swimming in the sea, bird watching, community gardening, nature-based art and craft, walking, stargazing.**

**Your opinions could help shape future nature-based activities across the North Isles to support Wellbeing.**

**The project researcher, Andy Harrod will be visiting:**

**Westray on 24 April  
Papa Westray on 25 April  
Stronsay on 27 April  
North Ronaldsay on 28 April**

**If you would like to take part please contact Andy Harrod by email: [a.harrod1@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:a.harrod1@lancaster.ac.uk)**



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### **DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** **ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS**



The dates for isles special collections up to 30 September 2023 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Councils Website, see link

<https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm> , if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book. Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.

Please note that payment for collection is required on application and prior to collection.

Only items that are on the request form will be collected by the contractor.

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2320.

Eday

Week Commencing: 1 May 2023 and 24 July 2023

Graemsay

Week Commencing: 22 May 2023 and 11 September 2023

Hoy and Flotta

Week Commencing: 17 April 2023, 3 July 2023, and 4 September 2023

North Ronaldsay

Week Commencing: 12 June 2023 and 21 August 2023

Papa Westray

Week Commencing: 5 June 2023 and 14 August 2023

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 8 May 2023 and 7 August 2023

Sanday

Week Commencing: 22 May 2023 and 21 August 2023

Shapinsay

Week commencing: 15 May 2023 and 21 August 2023

Stronsay

Week Commencing: 15 May 2023 and 07 August 2023

Westray

Week Commencing: 08 May 2023, 10 July 2023, and 18 September 2023

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website

[www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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## **COVID HOME LATERAL FLOW TESTS**

The Orkney Islands Council COVID Recovery Advisor has kindly provided Stronsay Community Council with a limited supply of COVID home lateral flow tests.

Each self-testing kit contains 7 test cassettes and instructions for use and are available, free of charge, from any of the following Community Council members:

Shirley Whiteman    St. John's Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AT  
tel. 616438  
email: [shirleywhiteman@icloud.com](mailto:shirleywhiteman@icloud.com)

Paul Riley            Tullimentan, Stronsay, KW17 2AE  
tel. 616416  
email: [pauljriley46@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pauljriley46@hotmail.co.uk)

David Locke         Church of Scotland Manse, Stronsay, KW17 2AF  
tel. 07776448301  
email: [dlocke@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dlocke@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Please contact Shirley, Paul or David to arrange collection.

CMC/ILO 14 February 2023

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## **THE ORKNEY NEWS**

Bringing you the alternative news in Orkney

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheOrkneyNews>

<https://theorkneynews.scot>

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**Are you missing  
out on £200?**



**Claim your cost of living payment now**

**Whether working, self-employed,  
a stay-at-home parent or claiming  
benefits – you could be entitled!**

Automatic payments will be made to people in Orkney receiving:

- Housing benefit
- Council Tax reduction (means tested)
- Free school meals/clothing allowance (means tested)
- Exempt from council tax because all occupants are under the age of 18
- Exempt from council tax due to being under 26 and previously in care / looked after

**You can apply if you currently receive  
Universal Credit or Pension Credit**

You can also apply if you have savings under £6000 and your earnings are below the threshold in the table below.

Number of Children	Single Person Earnings	Couples Earnings
0	£1928 per month	£2361 per month
1	£3300 per month	£3734 per month
2	£4048 per month	£4482 per month
3+	£4978 per month	£5412 per month

To apply visit the website below, call 01856 873535

**[www.orkney.gov.uk/COL](http://www.orkney.gov.uk/COL)**

...or scan  
me into  
your phone  
camera



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### **MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2023**

11 April, 5 June, 31 July, 25 September, 20 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>,  
email [library@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:library@orkney.gov.uk) or telephone 01856 873166.

Winter	Council Houses	8.45	-	9.45
	School	10	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	4.45
Summer/Refit	Council Houses	9.25	-	10
	School	10.15	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	5.30

### **RECYCLING GUIDE FOR OUTER ISLES**

Orkney Islands Council has published a “Household refuse and recycling welcome pack” which is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/3bjcbacm>.

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## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Why not hire the Stronsay Community hall? We have a kitchen and fully licensed bar, with two large halls and a small meeting room; perfect for weddings, parties, games, meetings and much more!

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Air hockey
- Pool Table



For more information & bookings contact Mary McLaughlin email [thecatstail@outlook.com](mailto:thecatstail@outlook.com)

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.

**Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.**

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hallcommittee>

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### **ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT!**

If you are planning to hold an event on Stronsay then why not use the free publicity available from the Limpet, the editor's contact details are on the back page of every edition of the [Stronsay Limpet](#). You can advertise in the monthly editions of the Limpet and your event can be publicised via the Stronsay Limpet email list. It's always a good idea to check the [Visit Stronsay calendar](#) when planning an event, could avoid embarrassing clash of dates.

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### **HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET***

Send an email to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) or write to *The Limpet, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR*.

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### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

On the back page of every edition of the Limpet there is a list of useful telephone numbers including the emergency numbers for reporting problems with water or electricity.

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**CROSSROADS ORKNEY**

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We would like to help ease the loneliness and difficulty of lockdown for Dementia sufferers and their carers at home. We have a variety of puzzles, crafts and activities which we can post or deliver. All free of charge. If you know someone who could benefit from this or wish more information please call Crossroads 870500 or Lorna Reid 781329



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### **SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES**

<b>Monday</b>	Adult lane 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10– 7:50
<b>Thursday</b>	Private hire 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
<b>Saturday</b>	Private hire 2-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

Charges - Adults £3, Children £1.50, Private Hires £15.

Maximum 12 in the pool.

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

### **LIFEGUARDS WANTED!**

Stronsay swimming pool is looking for enthusiastic, reliable and conscientious people to become part of the pool team.

We will train you using the national standard RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification and in return all we ask is you help us keep our small pool open and sustainable.

The ability to swim and a degree of fitness is required before you start your journey into 'lifeguard life'.

Interested parties should contact Andy Rose: email [andyrose85@btinternet.com](mailto:andyrose85@btinternet.com), phone 01857 616277 or mobile 07769 689 310

### **OVERSEERS WANTED !**

Always looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool, please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331. We politely request that parents/guardians whose children use the pool regularly take a turn at overseeing, in particular.

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### **HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

Ebenezer Stores [stronsaystores@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaystores@gmail.com)

Olivebank [m.williamson1@btconnect.com](mailto:m.williamson1@btconnect.com)

Fishmart café [fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com](mailto:fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com)

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

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### **OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIERHEAD** **NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES**

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is now open for public Masses with the permission of the Bishop of Aberdeen.

Mass times are as follows:-

- Sunday & holidays: 11am
- Tuesday: 8.00am
- All other days: 11.20am

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### **GOLGOTHA MONASTERY, PAPA STRONSAY** **DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST**

There is a daily streaming broadcast from Golgotha Monastery, Papa Stronsay.

<http://www.papastronsay.com/live>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 7pm (the times shown are approximate):

- 4pm Short talk by one of the priests.
- 4:30pm Recitation of the Rosary.
- 5pm Mass.
- 6pm Further prayers and office of the day.

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### **STRONSAY KIRK**

Weekly service at 11am.

Minister—Rev David Locke, phone 616284.

Stronsay kirk's website:

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk>

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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### **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Stronsay Community Council invites applications for financial assistance from anyone who is permanently resident on Stronsay.

Grants are available for travel assistance and events and/or projects of benefit to the community.

If the request is for travel assistance, members can award 50% of the requested amount with a capping limit of £200 funding within twelve months.

Full details of the event and/or project will be required and will be submitted to the next Community Council meeting for consideration.

Financial requests must be with the Island Link Officer prior to the event/project taking place and the payment of any grant awarded will require submission of evidence of expenditure from the applicant.

Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be submitted on an Application For Financial Assistance form available from the Island Link Officer.

If more information, or an Application for Financial Assistance form is required, please contact the Island Link Officer, tel: 616446 [email: stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer  
19 October 2022

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### **SCRAP CAR SCHEME**

The Scrap Car Scheme operated by Stronsay Community Council is still open and is now available for anyone who may have a vehicle for disposal.

The scheme will be administered by the Community Council and will remain open until further notice. The vehicle owner will have two months in which to arrange disposal of the vehicle.

At present there is no gate fee for vehicle disposal, but the scrap value will be paid to Stronsay Community Council and **not** the vehicle's registered keeper.

The haulage cost from Stronsay to the scrap yard, Kirkwall, will be met by Stronsay Community Council.

If you wish to dispose of a scrap car, please: -

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – t: 616446 e: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below.
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with Jim Holland (haulier) for the vehicle's delivery to the scrap yard.
3. Give the completed Verification Form to Jim Holland which must be presented to the scrap yard at the time of vehicle delivery, along with all necessary documentation, (the vehicle's V5 document) to meet the DVLA and dismantler requirements.

A Verification Form will be required for each separate delivery of a car to the scrap yard.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer,  
The Hill,  
Stronsay,  
KW17 2AT

18 October 2022

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## **GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

### **FISHMART CAFE SUMMER OPENING TIMES**

**(April-September)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
		<b>(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7am - 3pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7am - 3pm</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7am - 3pm</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7am - 3pm</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9am - 2pm</b>	<b>(Breakfast served all day)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11am-2:30pm</b>	<b>(Breakfast served all day)</b>

### **FISHMART CAFE WINTER OPENING TIMES**

**(October-March)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
		<b>(Breakfast only served from 7am - 10am on weekdays)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7am - 2pm</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7am - 2pm</b>	
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**LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Love Parties, but  
hate waste?



Reduce landfill waste by hiring Peedie Party Packs range of children's reusable plates, cups & cake stands instead of buying disposable! we even have themed packages & games packs available, happy to accept hires from across Orkney including the Isles.



Peedie Party Packs



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PeediePartyPacks@hotmail.com

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN**



Seasonal vegetables available daily. Bedding, perennial and vegetable plants.

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

Redhouse, Lower Whitehall, Stronsay. Tel: (01857) 616 377

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### **BUILDING WORK**

Building work carried out by time-served tradesman

No job too small!

Please note changed telephone number

Phone Paul Williams on 616222 or email [williams778@btinternet.com](mailto:williams778@btinternet.com)

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### **ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND**

No Royal Bank of Scotland visits until further notice. There are 2 telephone numbers:

0800 051 4177 for anybody in isolation and 0800 046 6734 for all NHS staff

Both lines are open 8-8

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### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

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**LOCAL BUSINESSES**

# *Holmsgarth Crafts*



*Seasonal Gifts,  
Memory bears,  
Stronsay book bags, and much more  
Many items can be personalised  
Made To Order*



Contact Margaret McAnally - [Holmsgarth Crafts | Facebook](#)  
[07432614089](tel:07432614089)

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# Marion Miller Jewellery

Unique Jewellery inspired by the sea and shore.  
Designed and handmade on the island of Stronsay, Orkney

[www.marionmillerjewellery.com](http://www.marionmillerjewellery.com)

Tel 0799550943 E-mail [marionmillerjewellery@gmail.com](mailto:marionmillerjewellery@gmail.com)



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Traditionally hand-crafted in Stronsay—soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioner bars and balms. Hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns from Orkney fleeces, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

Orkney Star Island Soap, Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AG.

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: [info@orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk)

Web: <http://www.orkneystarilandsoap.co.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap>

**PATRICK  
McGRATH  
LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer  
Plumber**

Services include:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance of all domestic gas appliances
- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- General heatings
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- Isles work welcome

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**

Email: [patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com)



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### Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for:

Portraits - groups and individuals

ID photographs - printing on site

Tuition

Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting

Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228

Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

### Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

Contact me on [stronsaymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I can add you to the regular list of available produce

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See Stronsay Markets on YouTube [https://youtu.be/8e6sz\\_Z2eQU](https://youtu.be/8e6sz_Z2eQU)

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handmade  with love

# Airy Fairy

- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
- ★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★
  - ★ Handmade especially for you ★
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- ★ Studio visits welcome by appointment ★



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hazel.airyfairy@gmail.com • [www.airyfairyonline.co.uk](http://www.airyfairyonline.co.uk)

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Handcrafted Textiles and Primitive Folk Art



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Open Daily  
Phone - 01857 616230

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Email - thewyrðweaver@btinternet.com



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### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**



- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

### **The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast Logie Easter, Kildary IV18 0NZ**



The Old Manse is a listed building dating back to the 1780s set in a large woodland garden just off the A9 and commanding far reaching views of the surrounding countryside.

We are ideally located for those travelling to and from Orkney. The ferry terminals of Gills Bay (Pentland Ferries) and Scrabster (North Link Ferries) are no more that 2.5 hours drive with John O’Groats just 2 hours away.

Ensuite Double and twin rooms

Tel 01862 842357 Email [oldmanse.kildary@btinternet.com](mailto:oldmanse.kildary@btinternet.com)

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We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.

We can do all types of ground work, pipe laying, guttering and roofing. Replacement windows and doors, finishings, concrete and general work. All types of work considered, no job too small, all work finished to a high standard. Full public liability insurance, safe, reliable and trustworthy.  
Reasonable prices.

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES etc

Monday to Saturday . . . . .	8:30am—5:00pm
Sunday . . . . .	Closed
Post collection times . . . . .	7:30am, Monday to Saturday
OIC Special collection. . . . .	Week Commencing: Mon 15 May & Mon 7 Aug
Island Link Officer. . . . .	Fishmart office 10 to 12 on Tue, Thu & Sat. Phone 616475
SDT Office . . . . .	Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk . . .	Weekly service at 11am
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Next mobile library van visit .	Tue 11 Apr
<a href="#">Weekly rubbish collection</a> . . . .	Tuesday (bags out by <b>8am</b> but <b>not</b> on the night before!)
Recycling skips nearly full? . .	Send email to <a href="mailto:recycling@orkney.gov.uk">recycling@orkney.gov.uk</a>
Forward scam emails to . . . . .	<a href="mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk">report@phishing.gov.uk</a>
Stronsay's Facebook page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488">https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488</a>

<b>EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999</b>
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Airy Fairy . . . . .	616231	Scottish Fuels . . . . .	01856 873105
Castle Bird Reserve . . . . .	616363	SDT office . . . . .	616410
Community council . . . . .	616446	Silver Darlings . . . . .	616412
Companions Club . . . . .	616352	Star Island Soap . . . . .	616281
Craftship Enterprise . . . . .	0778 511 1126	Stranded seals, etc . . . . .	616207/206/498
Doctor . . . . .	616321	Stronsay Band . . . . .	616335
Ebenezer Stores . . . . .	616339	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . .	616407
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . .	616207	Stronsay school . . . . .	616246
	<i>or</i> 07500 682 867	Stronsay taxi . . . . .	616335
Fish Mart . . . . .	616401		
Golgotha monastery. . . . .	616210	Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
	<i>or</i> <a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a>	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
Hairdresser . . . . .	616337	Electricity	
Hall bookings . . . . .	616263	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
	<i>or</i> <a href="mailto:annemaree.carter@btinternet.com">annemaree.carter@btinternet.com</a>		<i>(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)</i>
Highland Fuels . . . . .	01856 873766	problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
Island Link Officer . . . . .	616475	power cut (24/7). . .	105
Kirk secretary . . . . .	616238	Police (non urgent) (24/7)	101
Limpet editor . . . . .	616297	Kirkwall Library . . . . .	01856 873166
Medical emergency . . . . .	616321	Dentists:	
Neil's on Wheels . . . . .	07723 304 260	Daisybank Clinic . .	01856 870547
Manse . . . . .	616284	Deyanov Dental . . .	01856 877118
Nurses . . . . .	616321	King Street . . . . .	01856 888258
Olivebank . . . . .	616255	Orkney Dental . . . .	01856 872030
OIC out of hours . . . . .	01856 873535	Vets:	
Post Office . . . . .	616499	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
Red House Plants . . . . .	616377	Northvet . . . . .	01856 873403
Registrar . . . . .	616239		

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